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Another Democratic Victory: The Postmaster at St. Albans has been re moved.

It wouldn't do, of course, to call Cleve-land a second Benedict Arnold. Nevertheless he is doing his level best to sacrifice the welfare of the American workingmen to the interests of the British la-

"England sends us Irving and Terry, remarks an exchange, and she would be sending us about all we could eat, drink, wear, or use in any way, if the protective tariff didn't stand as a barrier.

The President was so liberal with public offices, when the repeal of the Sher-man silver law was under consideration, that his supply on hand seems wholly in-adequate for the present emergency in the

The District Committee have called the Convention for the First Congressional District at Burlington, Thursday, June 21st. This is the day after the State convention. It was voted to make the basis of representation the same as that adopted for the State convention.

A report comes from Washington which, if true, may exert a great influence over American industries. It is said that Senator Hill has declared that he will refuse to vote for the Wilson bill if the income tax is retained in any shape whatever. As the South seems deter-mined to impose this tax the position of Senator Hill, who will not be alone in any move he may make, is of vital importance

White House conferences have been numerous of late, and the result is an an-nouncement that concessions will be made to the Northern Democracy that will force the Tariff through the Senate at an early date. The exact nature of the concession has not been made public. The policy of helplessness, of the past few weeks, has made the managers of the tariff bill the target of an unbearable amount of biting sarcasm and ridicule from Senators Aldrich, Hale and other Senators, which has compelled a partial surrender to the element represented by Hill, Murphy, Smith and Gorman, in or-der that something may be done. The concessions granted are somewhat of a minor importance, when compared with the ruinous features of the whole bill. The income tax is to be retained though in a modified form. Duties on iron and steel products are to be changed from advalorem to specific, but on textile goods, New England's leading products, and on which there is the greatest opportunities for fraud and undervaluation at the Cus-tom House, the intention is to levy ad-valorem duties as provided in the origi-nal bill. The northern workingman can yet see no light except in the death of the Wilson bill. Even with the proposed changes the "rebel yell" can almost be heard issuing from every line of the bill, so strongly partizan is its nature.

Town Representative.

The Reformer last week, evidently insprang a boomerang, or what was intended to be such, upon this community in the matter of candidate for town representative this fall. According to the writer of the Reformer article, Col. M. S. Colburn is engineering the candidacy of Gen. J. G. McCullough, and the usual remarks about foreign interference in Bennington affairs was indulged in, the "ear marks" of the real author being so apparent as to deceive no one. The truth of the matter is that the Reformer's sensation is all moonshine. On the part of Col. Colburn, he says there is no truth sprang a boomerang, or what was intend-Col. Colburn, he says there is no truth in the statement. He has not said one word about Gen. McCullough's candidacy, has not thought of it, and the whole affair in the Reformer is a figment of the magination of its author. We are of the opinion that this boomerang will go home to roost, and it will not be to the discredit of Gen. McCullough either.

State Senator.

The indications are that there will be no lack of Senatorial timber in the South Shire of this County this year. The friends of Tyler Goodell of Readsboro have already put him forward, and A. B. Gardner of Pownal has, also, been favorably mentioned. Readsboro points to the fact that that town has had no senator since 1876, while Bennington has had for since 1876, while Bennington has had in the past fourteen years Messrs. Thatcher (deceased), Carney, Valentine, Abbott; Shaftsbury, W. P. Mattison, and Stamford has the present incumbent. Pownal, in the seventies and also in 1884 had the Senator, but these are the only ones in a very long period, some say 35 years, and so it claims the people of that town should be recognized this year. Both of these gentlemen are well-knewn to our should be recognized this year. Both of these gentlemen are well-known to our people, and, if chosen, would make ac-ceptable Senators. Much can be said in favor of the arguments put forth by the friends of Messrs. Gardner and Goodell, and no doubt some these will be publish-ed as the campaign opens.

WEST ARLINGTON.

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For the past few weeks, hearts have felt deep sympathy for the family of H. G. Buck, as day by day, they have seen the patient suffering of Mina. Our friend had a firm faith that she was soon to reach a fairer home where she should meet her sister in the presence of Christ, so when she passed to rest, Thursday afternoon, April 26th, we could but rejoice with her, knowing that our loss was her gain. Mina was one of a loving, retiring disposition which endeared her was her gain. Mina was one of a loving, retiring disposition which endeared her to the hearts of those with whom she was intimately associated. Though only twenty years old, for a number of years she had been a member of the Congregational church in East Arlington, and since the organization of the Christian Eadeavor Society in this place, she has been one of its active members. The funeral on the following Sunday was largely attended, and was conducted by her pastor, the hev. Mr. Field. Kind friends brought many beautiful flowers among which were a horseshoe of white blossoms with "Mina" made in violets, and the monogram "C. E." in white hyacinths. The casket was tenderly borne to its last resting place by four of her young friends.

A NEIGHBOR.

Walton's Vermont Register.

POLITICS AND BUSINESS AS IT WAS IN THE YEAR 1825.

Chas, S. Forbes, the veteran Boston Journal correspondent, gives us a glimpse of the "good old times," and the many changes wrought by time, in his Suuday letter. We give it entire, as follows: "Walton's Verment Register" for 1825

is an exceedingly interesting publication.

Within its faded covers are contained much valuable information concerning the National and State governments, and also many facts of importance to farmers

and business men.

The events recorded occured three

The events recorded occured three score and ten years ago, and nearly all the participants in the scenes described have joined the silent majority.

The Register was published by E. P. Walton at Montpelier, and the astronomical calculations were made by Zadock Thompson, A. B.

There was no Government Weather Bureau in those days, and the farmers had to rely on the prognostications of the clerk of the Almanac Department of the Register for advance information on the weather.

According to these predictions, the April of 1825 must have been similar to the April of 1894, for I note these weather items: "Showers, cooler, strong signs of rain, warm suns, but cool nights."

These "signs" extend through the calendar, covering thirty days, and the prognosticator was undoubtedly accounted a prophet.

During the slippery season in February, the almanac man announces: "More falling weather," but in September he states it will be "More agreeable." The philosophical editor prints these

sayings among other good things: "Your fences now ought to be your first care. Bad fence is one sign of a bad husband."

"Cut your clover and mind your busi-"Be careful to bung up your barrels

tight which you have emptied."
"Keep no more cats than what will

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. The "United States Calendar" Department contains a "Revolutionary Register," giving the enrollment of the officers of the Continental Army in 1783. The first name is thus printed: "His Excellency George Washington, Esq., General and Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the Vnited States."

Then follows the Major Generals, among whom is "Marquis de Lafayette, France, Commissioned July 31, 1777."

Brig. Gen. John Stark of New Hampshire, who commanded the forces at the

Battle of Bennington, is also in the list.
At the time the Register was published, James Monroe was president of
the United States, John Q. Adams, Secretary of State; Wm. H. Crawford, Secretary of State; Will. H. Crawford, Secretary of Treasury; John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War; Samuel L. Southard, Secretary of the Navy, and Wm. Wirt was Attorney General.

The Senators from Vermont in 1825 were William A. Palmer and Horatio

seymour. The number of States was then 28.

Vermont at that time had five Congressional Districts, the Representatives being William C. Bradley, Daniel A. A. Buck, Samuel C. Crafts, Rollin C. Mallary add Charles Rich. Elijah Payne of Williamstown, was

of \$800 a year. W. A. Griswold of Burlington, was District Attorney, Joseph Edson of Rutland, Marshal. James Fisk was United States Collector of Customs in Vermont, with these Deputies:

these Deputies:

A. W. Hyde, Barlington; George Burnham, Alburgh; Jas. Fisk, Jr., and Roddey C. Rodger, Berkshire; David M. Camp, Derby; Roger Enos, Irasburg; Peter P. Payne, Highgate; Horatio B. Farrar and Ethan A. Allen, Swanton; Danford Mott, Tim Sowles and William L. Sowles, Alburgh; William A. Wilkins, St. Albans Bay; Basil Fisk, Franklin; Henry N. Jones, Montgomery, and Orlando Stevens, Swanton.
The compensation of the Collector was

in 1824, \$2,464.21. THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN 1825.

The legislative power was vested in a House composed of one member from each town. The Judiciary consisted of a Supreme Court of four members, who held a session once a year in each held a session once a year in each county. The Bench at that time consisted of Richard Skinner, Samuel Prentiss, Titus Hutchinson and Stephen Royce, Jr. There was also a County Court for every county, with one Chief Judge and two Assistant Judges. The salary of the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court was \$1,000 and of the Supreme Court was \$1,000, and of the other judges \$000 a year.

Hon. C. P. Van Ness of Burlington, was governor, with a salary of \$750 a

The duties of the Executive are thus defined: "The Governor, with the Council, commissions all officers, appoints same, grants pardons and sees that the laws are executed."

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This body, together with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, constituted the executive branch of the Government.

The Lieutenant Governor was Aaron Leland of Chester, Isaac Flecher of Lyndon, was Speaker

of the House. The House.

The State Militia in those days included every able-bodied male citizen in its ranks. It was divided into four divisions, with a Major General to each; 10 brigades, with a Brigadier General to each, and into 35 regiments, with from 8 to 12 companies in each. The Governor was Captain General and Commander-

The chapter on "banks" is as follows: "There are four banks in this State,

profits of these banks is annually paid into the treasury of the State. It usually amounted to from six to seven hundred dollars per year."

The statistical department of the Register gives these figures: Number common schools, 1,612; Justices of the Peace, 1,897; practicing attorneys, 255; clergymen, 320; horses, 46,916; cattle, 308,382; gold watches, 200; brass clocks and time pieces, 1,577; common watches, 2,851; grist mills, 373; sawmills, 786.

The number of postoffices in 1825 was 163, and the postage paid on letters

163, and the postage paid on letters amounted to \$20,000.

The whole amount of the grand list in 1824 was \$2,593,278.39.
Out of a population of 235,749 there were 50,951 engaged in agriculture, 4,424 in manufactures and 776 in commerce.

A MEMORABLE EVENT. The year 1825 was made memorable by the visit of Gen. Lafayette to Vermont. The distinguished Frenchman was warmly welcomed everywhere by the loyal Vermonters. He was the guest for a while at Burlington, of Gov. Van Ness. and while there laid the corner stone of the new University building. This occurred June 29th. Gen. Lafayette received an availon in every place he visthe visit of Gen. Lafayette to Vermont.

ceived an ovation in every place he vis-The Governor Van Ness mansion, where Gen. Lafayette was entertained in Burlington, is still standing substantially as it was in 1825. It is a large and imposing-looking house of Colonial style, and its hospitable occupants have welcomed many distinguished men in

years gone by. Hon. Cornelius Van Ness was a political leader of his time, and was Governor of Vermont three terms, from 1823 to 1826.

NOTES FROM LATER NUMBERS.

The policical and civil history of the State can be conveniently traced in the successive numbers of Walton's Register. In this connection, it is interesting to note the fact that the first Vermont Sen-ate convened October 13th, 1836, when it became a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature.

David M. Camp of Derby, was the first President of the Senate. It consisted of 30 members, as now, although the Senatorial apportionment by counties has been somewhat changed.

It appears from the Register of 1850 that a change in the judiciary system was effected in 1850 by reducing the number of Supreme Court Judges to three, and by establishing a Circuit Court, consisting of four Judges. In 1857 the Circuit Court was abolished, and the court was abolished, and the number of Supreme Court Judges increased to six. It now con-

sists of seven Judges.

The biennial system of elections and legislative sessions was adopted in 1870. In the Register for 1861 I find the vote for Governor in the September election of 1860, preceeding the great Presidential struggle in November, to be for Erastus Fairbanks, Republican, 34,349; for John G. Saxe Douglas, Democrat, 11,877; for Robert Harvey Breckinridge, Democrat, 2,157; majority for Fairbanks, 19,-715.

Then the financial transactions and commercial business of 255,000 people was done through three State banks with a total capital of \$350,000. To day with only about 80,000 more people, there are 40 National banks, with an aggregate capital of \$7,286,000, and also 39 savings banks and trust companies, with deposits amounting to ever \$27,000,000. This is a very significant fact as related old times," and now.

IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

ABLINGTON.

C. B. Viault's boot and shoe store was broken into Sunday night, and several dollars werth of goods were taken, also about a dollar's worth of

Biskop Michaud of the Catholic church, is expected here next week to confirm a class. Mr. Woodbury of Boston, has been the guest of O. E. Adams the past week. All the fishermen have improved the last few days in fishing and have had good luck. C. B. Viault's brother, J. C. Viault of Lake Mahopac, N. Y., died Tuesday afternoon.

EAST ARLINGTON.

The Rev A C and Mrs Field returned home last Alterations are now going forward at the Green Mountain Cash Store.

Mrs Augustus Griffin is still confined to her bed, but is said to improve slowly. Our farmers are wishing for rain these warm days.

A fire is burning on the West Mountain which shows a long bright wall of flame at night. J B Judson has gone to New York. His house has been treated to a coat of paint.

WOODFC RD.

There is to be a special town meeting next Monday, May 7th, at 1 o'clock. Judge Bond and son were in town Sunday and attended church here. Warren Burris has returned and is now a disci-ple of "Isaak Walton."

Albert Shuitz has moved into the Charles Glea-on house, which overlooks the lake. The school in Myron Woodward's district is to begin next Monday, with Miss Nellie Huriburt as leacher.

There is plenty of trailing arbutus yet, but it is hard to find the trail. E J Temple has visited his son Will this week at Rutland. Good Templar installation of officers Saturday

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Peter Fradeaburgh of Bennington has visited friends and relatives in Woodford this week.
Earle Stickles of New York, has been at the Mt. Pleasant House, and says he is coming again in July for his summer outing.
Henry Thrasher and his son-in-law, William Wright, of North Adams, were in town over last Sunday.

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Mrs. Harry Harbour is gaining in health, so as to be able to ride out.
Marshali tieowey of Arlington, visited at Harry Harbour's last week.
Miss Becker of Bennington spent last Sunday with Miss Lena Harbour.
Forty-two years ago the third of May two feet of snow iell in Woodford. Twenty years ago the lst inst. a foot or mote fell, and six inches in Northers Massachusetts, and we enjoyed a sleigh ride in the "Bay State" that day. A local weather prophet prodicts a snow storm this year before "lovely June sets in."

Monday, W. H. Billings received a telegram stating the sad news that his father, C. D. Bil-lings, had died at his home in Fayston, near Bur-lington. Mr. and Mrs. Billings went there at oace. The decessed was a prominent business man of his town and vicinity.

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A portion of the Little Pond property of the Green Mountain Summer Home Co, was sold at special sale at the Mt. Pleasant House, Monday to Postmaster Robinson, of Bennington. We hope this is an indication that the affairs of the company will be adjusted so that a booming business may be done at Camp Comfort this summer. Surely, city people like to come here during the heated term.

A letter addressed to H B Reed & Sons, Sugar Makers, Woodford, Vt., frem Liverpsol, Eng., has been in the postofilee here several days. No such firm here.

firm here.

Mr and Mrs Westover of Bennington, were the guests of Mr and Mrs Albert Wood, Friday after-soon. They had a trouting bout and enjoyed it.

NORTH BENNINGTON.

Miss Gertrude Besgle, who has been sick for some time, is quite low, having suffered an operation recently, which was considered successful. Her recovery is looked upon with much auxisty. The Paran Creek mill here is running upon a large order on full time, at present.

F. L. Bottom is painting and otherwise adding to the appearance of his store and dwelling.

One of the beautiful floor cabinets, designed and made in the factory of the H T Cushman M'rg. Company has been selected by a friend and will be sent by Miss Jeanst Drysdale to her mother in Scotland this week.

Our band, of whom we have reason to congratuate ourselves, give a concert in Bank Hall this Friday evening, which will enable our citizens to show their appreciation of its merits, and fill the house.

Mr and Mrs S. B. Hell, stranded the Mean Hard.

house.

Mr and Mrs S B Hall attended the Mary Howe Lavin concert in Troy, Wednesday evening, as guests of Mr and, Mrs W H Froat.

Frank Scott and sister have moved into their new residence, corner Main and West streets.

Yesterday we were shown a very handsome and neatly designed embossed solid gold badge, with the monogram "N B H S, (North Bennington High School), Class 64." It was in the possession of one of the graduating class, and though it is one of the prettiest devices is has been our good fortune to behold, is not too claborate as eyincing the merit of those about to leave the school.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church at a meeting Tuesday, voted to paint their edifice. The accident to young Wilcox of Bennington, who has been assisting F Scott, as draftsman of patent inventions, resulting in the loss of one toot above the ankle by being run over by the sleeper Wednesday morning, is a very sad one. He is held in high estimation by all who knew him, and his appearance as he goes about business in his unostentatious way, calls out remarks of commendation. He and his family have the sympathy of the public, and all wish him a speedy recovery.

We understand a new physician is coming into the village.

SOUTH SHAFTSBURY.

Sunday, the 22nd, was a lovely day, but sad in the little parish here, as we listened to the parting words of our pastor, the Rev. Thos. Rogers. He may be missed in adjoining towns, but not as this people miss him and his family, where he has labored so untiringly and faithfully. If our pastor and his helpful helpmate have not seen the fruit of their labor, the seed so well sown will spring

up and grow, even though another be privileged to do the reaping.

Mrs. C. E. Hastings is quite out of health again. Dr. Rogers is attending

her.

C. R. and A. B. Hawkins are moving along quite rapidly with their store.

They expect to get it ready by August.

Mrs. E. Graves of Sunderland, is with

Mrs. E. Graves of Sunderland, is with her sister, Mrs. L. W. Cole.
We are having fine spring days and farmers are improving every hour.
Mrs. G. A. Moon attended the funeral of her niece, Miss Etta Noyes, from her late home at Hoosick Falls, N. Y. The interment was in the family plot at Hinsdillville cemetery.
Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Estabrook were in town on Monday calling on friends.

in town on Monday, calling on friends. The Rev. Mr. Webster was not able to be with the church last Sunday, being afflicted with a sore throat. L. W. Cole conducted the morning service. The Y. P. S. C. E., the evening service, it being consecration evening, the services were conducted by our new president, Harry Mirfield,

Clifford Hawkins is on the sick list at

this writing.

Mrs. Ed. Hastings visited her husband's home this week.

The "wheelmen" are getting quite numerous on our streets. Several new

wheels are noticeable. G. A. Bruce has recently been in New

York for his spring purchases.
Clark Smith is making arraggements to go West. He has sold his place to Byron Mattison. Mr. Smith expects to go to Centreville, Iowa, in company with his brother, Grant, and will remove his family about the middle of this month month.

John Gordon is having his house

John Gordon is having his honse treated to a fresh coat of paint which will improve his place very much.

New books have recently been placed in the library at South Shaftsbury.

Last Friday evening the Good Templars met in their hall as usual, and held their election of officers: A A Collins, C T; Mrs Fred Eddy, V T; Miss Lizzie Bourne, Secretary; Wm C Stickle, financial secretary; Loren Draper, treasurer; Robert Moen, chaplain; Fred Church, marshal; Mrs A A Collins, guard; Horace Harris, sentinel. The Lodge is adding to its number weekly.

Mortimer Bates has secured a position in the machinist department of the Eagle Square shops, and will remove his family here from Pittsburgh, Penn.

Theodore Carpenter, who has been superintendent at the Eagle Square works for the past two or three years, will give his entires attention hereafter to outside work, in the building line and will have no time for the shop superindendency.

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Charles Gordon's wife and children are at Mrs.
Gordon's home spending a little time with her
tather, Leander Tracy.
Tuesday being the first of May, some of our
fishermen tried their skill in catching the
"speckled beauties," not without sheeks, either
Asron Pierce had the misfortune to cut one of
his hands badly, at the shop. Dr. Woodhall is
caring for the wound.

Mr. Draggon met with an accident Wednesday
morning, cutting the thumb and two first fingers
on his left hand; also, an employee at the Eagle
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Nelson Kennon has moved into the honse recently purchased of hirs Puble (tole) Drury. He is making some necessary improvements.

The "Workers" will hold their meeting on Friday afternoon in the charch parlors. There will be a sociable in the evening.

Next Sunday avening there will be missionary services conducted by the Y PS C.E. Reading and appropriate nuisic will be furnished to make an interesting evening.

The Rev Mr Webster will be able to preach on Sunday morning next, in this church and at Hinsdillytile in the alternoon,

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